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Border Patrol Beacon Activation Results in Two Rescues *Rescue Beacons Successful Once Again*

Yuma Border Patrol Sector reports the rescue of two undocumented immigrants after a rescue beacon was activated in the desert east of Yuma late last evening. Two dehydrated subjects from Mexico activated the beacon and alerted the Border Patrol.

At 11:15 p.m. the button on a beacon located in the Barry Goldwater range was pushed and the sensor was activated. Border Patrol Radio Communications immediately notified the field agents about the activation. Agents from the BORSTAR team responded and arrived at the rescue beacon in within 30 minutes. The BORSTAR agents discovered two Mexican citizens who crossed the border illegally earlier in the day. The subjects walked approximately 12 miles through the desert in scorching heat and unusually high humidity. The subjects, out of water and with several miles to travel, spotted the strobe light on top of the beacon and headed directly to it.

The two subjects read the instructional sign on the beacon and immediately pushed the large red button for activation. The pair continued to follow the instructions on the sign that advised the Border Patrol would arrive within one hour. As it turned out, agents arrived in one half-hour.

Both subjects realized their lives were in grave danger when they spotted the strobe of the rescue beacon glowing in the night. When they arrived at the beacon and activated the sensor their long perilous journey came to an end that resulted in their lives being saved by the Border Patrol. The two subjects were successfully treated for dehydration and processed by the agents for their illegal entry into the United States. Neither required additional treatment and they returned to Mexico this morning.

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